

**Former Notre Dame High School  
(also known as Former Burgess School)  
411 School Street, Berlin, NH**



**DES Site Number:** 198605173

**ONESTOP Master Id.: 329**

**Date of update:** March 15, 2010

**Description:** This site is occupied by an historic school that was first operated as a city elementary school and then as a Catholic high school. The building has been vacant for over 12 years. The gymnasium was destroyed by a fire set by arsons. The fire resulted in the exterior co-mingling of fire debris and asbestos pipe insulation. The property is currently owned by the city of Berlin.

**Potential Environmental Concerns:** Potential concerns associated with this property are limited to the confirmed presence of asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint, and lead-contaminated soil beneath the building drip edge.

**Previous Work:** A Hazardous Building Materials Survey and Limited Site Investigation were completed by DES on behalf of the city in July 2005. A Brownfields Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed by DES on behalf of the city in June 2008. This work was funded by the DES EPA Brownfields State Response Program Grant.

A Remedial Action Plan was prepared to address the exterior and interior asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) on behalf of the city by Nobis Engineering Inc. in April 2009. The interior and exterior ACMs were abated under the supervision of Nobis

Engineering and MARCOR during the summer and fall of 2009.



**Current Work:** DES has authorized Nobis Engineering to prepare cleanup documents to address the remaining lead-based paint and lead contaminated drip edge soils. DES received a draft remedy implementation plan in late February 2010. The draft remedy implementation plan is currently being reviewed by DES, the city, and the potential developer. DES anticipates receipt of a final remedy implementation plan and draft bid specifications in April 2010. Various cleanup funding sources are being evaluated. Cleanup work is expected to resume in the spring of 2010.

Copies of all available Brownfields reports for this site can be accessed from the DES ONESTOP database at [ONESTOP Master Id.: 329](#).

**Scheduled Public Events:** There are no public meetings currently scheduled for this site.

**Cleanup Planning:** A Remedial Action Plan was prepared to address the exterior and interior asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) on behalf of the city by Nobis Engineering in April 2009. The interior and exterior ACMs were abated on behalf of the city by Nobis Engineering and MARCOR during the summer and fall of 2009.

Cleanup planning documents for the remaining lead-based paint and lead-contaminated drip edge soils are currently being prepared and should be available for public review in March 2010.

**Section 106 of Historic Preservation Act:** DES and the city of Berlin are consulting the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources – Division of Historical Resources (DHR) for guidance concerning all cleanup actions at this site as they relate to potential impacts to this historical resource. A revised Project Review Request will be submitted to DHR by the city of Berlin for the planned lead-based paint abatement and remediation of the exterior lead-impacted drip edge soils.